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TO : AD/RR

DATE: 20 June 1952

FROM : Chief, D/G

SUBJECT: Coordination of Photo Intelligence Effort

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1. Your forwarded [REDACTED] letter No. 128 dated 13 June 1952 describes an organization paralleling in many respects one in the exploratory stages in ORR. The need for a centralized informal or formal steering committee for photo intelligence in the national intelligence community has long been felt. Recent Departmental actions in the military establishment have tended to remove photo interpretation from the intelligence sphere and into a service position. Duplication of effort and lack of mutual understanding have multiplied costs and decreased overall production of usable material.

2. Attached is an outline of what we have in mind. Informal talks with key photo interpreters in the Washington area suggest that such a committee will be welcomed at the operating level. No mention has been made to persons at the policy level.

3. C.I.A. sponsorship of such a committee will materially aid the prestige of all photo interpretation units in the Washington area and will avoid inter-service frictions. If you agree, the following exploratory meetings will be arranged to start toward the close of next week:

- a. Informal meeting with Mr. Tate, Air Force and Mr. Lundahl, Navy, to set up a mutually agreeable agenda for further discussion;
- b. A second informal meeting with representatives from the operating level of the photo interpretation producing organizations in the Washington area to further discuss the agenda and to spot key policy personnel in the military establishments whose concurrence must be won;
- c. A meeting with policy personnel to sound out Departmental reactions;
- d. First meeting of the ad hoc committee proposed in attached outline.

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Enclosure: As stated

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